

Claims:

1. A polymer blend for use in producing plastic articles having a metallic effect appearance for high temperature applications comprising by weight from about 3% to about 12% metal particles component, from about 30% to about 60% talc, and from about 35% to about 70% olefinic thermoplastic polymer, said metal particle component comprising aluminum particles having an undefined configuration and an average particle size of from about 200 μm to about 400 μm .
2. A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said olefinic thermoplastic polymer comprises a homopolymer or copolymer of polypropylene.
3. A polymer as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend comprises from about 40 to about 55 weight percent talc.
4. A polymer as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend comprises from about 40 to about 65 weight percent olefinic polymer.
5. A polymer as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend comprises from about 5 to about 11 weight percent metal particles component.
6. A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said talc has an average particle size of from about 1 μm to about 5 μm .
7. A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend includes up to about 5 percent by weight colorant.